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The meeting was called to order at 12.30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 17: APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS (A/47/102/Add.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to a note from the Secretary-General contained in document A/47/102/Add.1 advising the General Assembly of the resignation of Mr. Jorge Duhalt (Mexico) from the Committee on Contributions. A person must therefore be appointed to fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Duhalt's term of office, namely until 31 December 1993. In the same document the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly of the nomination by the Government of Argentina of Mr. Atilio Norberto Molteni to fill the vacancy. The regional group endorsed Mr. Molteni's candidacy.

2. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation Mr. Molteni's appointment to the Committee on Contributions for a term beginning on the date the General Assembly approved the appointment and ending on 31 December 1993.

3. It was so decided.

(f) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (A/47/106; A/C.5/47/35)

4. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to a note from the Secretary-General (A/47/106) advising the General Assembly of the need to appoint five persons for a term of office of four years beginning 1 January 1993 to fill vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Commission on 31 December 1992, and to a document (A/C.5/47/35), in which the Secretary-General informed the Assembly that Member States had submitted the following candidacies: for the Group of African States (with two vacancies): Ms. Francesca Yetunde Emanuel (Nigeria), Mr. Ernest Rusita (Uganda), Mr. Missoum Sbih (Algeria) and Mr. Omar Sirry (Egypt); for the Group of Asian States (two vacancies): Mr. Aamir Ali (India), Mr. Humayun Kabir (Bangladesh), Mr. Mario D. Yango (Philippines), and Mr. Eugene Youkel (Islamic Republic of Iran); and for the Group of Eastern European States (one vacancy): Mr. Valery F. Keniaykin (Russian Federation).

5. Since, in the case of the Group of Eastern European States, the number of candidates endorsed corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation the appointment of Mr. Valery F. Keniaykin (Russian Federation).

6. It was so decided.

7. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee would proceed to elect by secret ballot the candidates from the African and Asian groups of States.

8. Mr. VAN LIEROP (Vanuatu), speaking on behalf of the Group of Asian States, said that the Group endorsed only the candidacies of Mr. Yango and Mr. Kabir.

9. Mr. RAE (India) observed that the Indian Government had not put up any official candidate for election to the International Civil Service Commission.

10. At the invitation of the Chairman, Miss Moss (Bahamas) and Mr. Penev (Bulgaria) acted as tellers.

11. A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect two candidates from the Group of African States.

Number of ballot papers:	147
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	147
Abstentions:	0
Number of delegations voting:	147
Required majority:	74
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Sbih (Algeria)	90
Mr. Rusita (Uganda)	73
Mr. Sirry (Egypt)	68
Ms. Emanuel (Nigeria)	57

12. Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Sbih (Algeria) was elected a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993.

13. Mr. KABIR (Bangladesh) said that a situation had arisen in the election process that was neither desirable nor healthy. He was referring to the two agency candidates in the election for the Group of Asian States. He recognized the responsibility of the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) for compiling the list of candidates for ICSC. He regretted, however, that no consultation had been undertaken with the Asian Group. Moreover, it was his understanding that the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions, not ACC, had nominated the candidates in question, though such was not its role, and that the latter had not been endorsed by their respective Governments.

(Mr. Kabir, Bangladesh)

14. To avoid any repetition of the situation, h
the Secretariat should prepare a procedure for t
agencies or staff representatives and the steps
required consultations. In addition, the Secret
the principles under which agency candidates cou
a regional seat.

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15. The CHAIRMAN said that, as only one candidat
States had obtained the required majority, a sec
involving only the candidates having received the
number of votes.

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Number of ballot papers: 108

Number of invalid ballots: 2

Number of valid ballots: 106

Abstentions: 0

Number of delegations voting: 106

Required majority: 54

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Rusita (Uganda) 58

Mr. Sirry (Egypt) 48

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Number of ballot papers:	143
Number of invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	142
Abstentions:	0
Number of delegations voting:	142
Required majority:	72
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Kabir (Bangladesh)	135
Mr. Yango (Philippines)	126
Mr. Eugene Youkel (Islamic Republic of Iran)	9
Mr. Ali (India)	6

21. Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Kabir (Bangladesh) and Mr. Yango (Philippines) were elected members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1993.

22. The CHAIRMAN read out a letter from the First Vice-President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA) wherein the Coordinating Committee noted with deep regret that the procedures currently followed for the appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission were no longer in line with the Statute of the Commission. According to CCISUA, the requirement of article 3 that members "shall have had substantial experience of executive responsibility in public administration or related fields, particularly in personnel management" had been frequently disregarded, while candidates who did meet that requirement, but who happened not to be formally sponsored by Member States, were simply ignored. Under those circumstances, CCISUA stated, it was difficult for the Commission to function as a technical body and to be perceived as such.

The meeting rose at 2.40 p.m.